

THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE COUNTY OF STANISLAUS
BOARD ACTION SUMMARY

DEPT: Library

BOARD AGENDA #: *B-8

AGENDA DATE: September 26, 2017

SUBJECT:

Approval to Apply for and Accept, if Awarded, Grant Funding from the Sunlight Giving Foundation for the Development of Library Services at the Grayson United Community Center

BOARD ACTION AS FOLLOWS:

No. 2017-547

On motion of Supervisor Olsen, Seconded by Supervisor Withrow
and approved by the following vote,

Ayes: Supervisors: Olsen, Withrow, Monteith, DeMartini, and Chairman Chiesa

Noes: Supervisors: None

Excused or Absent: Supervisors: None

Abstaining: Supervisor: None

- 1) Approved as recommended
- 2) Denied
- 3) Approved as amended
- 4) Other:

MOTION:

ATTEST: Elizabeth A. King
ELIZABETH A. KING, Clerk of the Board of Supervisors

File No.

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Urgent Routine AGENDA DATE: September 26, 2017
CEO CONCURRENCE: *phc* DSM 4/5 Vote Required: Yes No

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STAFF RECOMMENDATIONS:

1. Authorize the County Librarian to sign, submit and accept, if awarded, an application to the Sunlight Giving Foundation grant for up to \$30,820 to open a Pop-up Library at the Grayson United Community Center.

DISCUSSION:

The purpose of establishing a Pop-Up Library at the Grayson United Community Center is to provide library services to isolated rural communities that otherwise would not have access to a Stanislaus County Library. The Pop-Up Library at the Grayson United Community Center would greatly help vulnerable populations including those affected with poverty, families with young children and non-English speakers.

Stanislaus County suffers from chronically high rates of illiteracy. In 2016, 68% of students were not reading at grade level by 3rd grade. And because early literacy success is a major predictor of a student's future success, these students are at a higher risk for dropping out of high school. Students who are not reading at grade level by third grade are four times more likely not to graduate from high school. Currently, various agencies within Stanislaus County are joining efforts to improve literacy rates for all students. Providing library services, through a Pop-Up Library, to Grayson and Westley residents would greatly benefit families as they support their student's academic success. The Library strives to offer "access to information, knowledge, and the tools for innovation and personal development" for Grayson, Westley and other nearby community residents.

According to the 2010 US Census Bureau, 16% of the Grayson population under 18 years old lives below the poverty level, for Westley it is 68%. Both of these communities would receive access to a variety of library services. Pop-Up Library services would include Story Time and other early literacy services that would help empower parents of young children so they begin kindergarten ready to learn. Other services would include access to both physical and digital collections, including access to tablets so youth could learn and explore using current technology. The Grayson United Community Center Pop-Up Library will also have wireless hot spot internet service. The Hot Spot service will allow internet access to students with tablets issued by Patterson Unified School District. The benefits of a bilingual staff would also widen

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learning opportunities as Grayson's and Westley's Spanish-speaking populations were 86% and 96% respectively, according to the 2010 US Census.

The Sunlight Giving Foundation is dedicated to supporting basic needs of low-income families with young children ages 0-5. Sunlight Giving Foundation provides funding for general support. In the Library's case, Sunlight will help fund costs associated with materials and equipment expenses. Stanislaus County Library is requesting \$30,820. Though not guaranteed, Sunlight Giving Foundation considers awarding multi-year funding and this will be requested on the grant application due to Sunlight in October 2017. The Pop-Up Library at Grayson is contingent upon the Sunlight Giving Foundation grant. Should they choose not to fund the request, the project will not come to fruition. If the grant is awarded, the Pop-Up Library in Grayson is expected to open in the spring of 2018.

POLICY ISSUE:

Board approval is required to apply for this grant, which will help the Library provide lifelong learning and educational opportunities for adults, children and families in the Grayson and Westley Communities.

FISCAL IMPACT:

The total cost is estimated at \$43,284. Of this amount, \$30,820 will be used to purchase Pop-Up Library materials, equipment and supplies. The purchase of equipment is a one-time purchase. Library materials and some supplies will be needed to supplement and maintain the Pop-Up Library's collection which will be housed at Grayson United Community Center. The Pop-Up Library will have regular open hours likely every Thursday from 1-6 p.m. The remaining \$12,464 will be Library-incurred expenses for salaries and benefits to operate the Grayson United Community Center Pop-up Library.

Up to \$30,820 will be initially covered by the Sunlight Giving Foundation grant. The remaining \$12,464 will be funded by annual sales tax revenue.

On-going costs estimated at approximately \$20,000 annually will be paid for by the Library and will be included in future operating budgets. Multi-year grant revenue may be approved by the Sunlight Giving Foundation to reduce the Library's estimated on-going costs. The Library will request a minimum of \$5,000 from the Sunlight Giving Foundation for subsequent fiscal years to mitigate on-going costs to the Library. These on-going costs include salaries, benefits library materials and supplies.

Any necessary budget adjustments will occur as part of the Mid-Year Financial Report.

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Cost of recommended action:		\$ 43,284
Source(s) of Funding:		
Sunlight Giving Foundation Grant	\$ 30,820	
Sales Tax Revenue	\$ 12,464	
Funding Total:		\$ 43,284
Net Cost to County General Fund		\$ -
Fiscal Year:	2017/2018	
Budget Adjustment/Appropriations needed:	No	
Fund Balance as of 9/1/17:		
Library	\$ 11,535,437	

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS' PRIORITY:

Approval of this action supports the Board's priorities of A Strong Local Economy by providing Library services to the communities of Grayson and Westley.

STAFFING IMPACT:

Existing staff in the Library's Youth Outreach division will be used to operate the Grayson United Community Center Pop-up Library.

CONTACT PERSON:

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ATTACHMENT(S):

None